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(by FTP only) from UCSD.Edu in directory "mailarchives/ham-policy".

We trust that readers are intelligent enough to realize that all text
herein consists of personal comments and does not represent the official
policies or positions of any party. Your mileage may vary. So there.

Date: 3 Dec 93 19:14:12 GMT
From: ogicse!uwm.edu!msuinfo!arctic2!cravitma@network.ucsd.edu
Subject: From the horse's mouth Re: Emergency Communications
To: ham-policy@ucsd.edu

To add to the current discussions about what is and is not permitted
during emergency communications, here are the relevant sections from
Title 47, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 97:

Section 97.403 Safety of Life / Protection of Property

No provision of these rules prevents the use by an amateur station of
any means of radiocommunications at its disposal to provide essential

communications needs in connection with the immediate safety of life and immediate protection of property when normal communications systems are not available.

Section 97.405 Station in Distress

- (a) No provision in these rules prevents the use by an amateur station in distress of any means at its disposal to attract attention, make known its location and situation, and obtain assistance.
- (b) No provision of these rules prevents the use by a station, in the exceptional circumstances described in paragraph (a) of this section, of any means of radiocommunications at its disposal to assist a station in distress.

Hope this helps everyone.

/Matthew (Still waiting for my ticket, 4 weeks and counting)

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Matthew Cravit	All opinions expressed here are
Michigan State University	my own. I don't speak for Michigan
East Lansing, MI 48825	State, and they don't speak for me
E-Mail: cravitma@cps.msu.edu	(thank goodness).

Date: 3 Dec 93 18:09:40 GMT
From: ogicse!uwm.edu!msuinfo!arctic2!cravitma@network.ucsd.edu
Subject: Identification procedures - unlicensed person
To: ham-policy@ucsd.edu

I was wondering -- since it is permissible for an unlicensed individual to use a radio in an emergency, and since it is possible that I may be faced with an "official FCC-approved grade A emergency" between now and when the FCC finally gets around to sending me my license, what is the established procedure (if any) for an unlicensed operator to identify him/herself if attempting to obtain emergency help?

/Matthew (Still waiting for my ticket, 4 weeks and counting)

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Matthew Cravit	"So I sent him to ask of the
Michigan State University	owl, if he's there, how to
East Lansing, MI 48825	loosen a jar from the nose

E-Mail: cravitma@cps.msu.edu | of a bear..."

Date: Wed, 1 Dec 1993 08:29:53 EDT
From: munnari.oz.au!spool.mu.edu!nigel.msen.com!yale.edu!newsserver.jvnc.net!
news.cac.psu.edu!news.pop.psu.edu!psuvax1!psuvm!ucf1vm!jmeaker@network.ucsd.edu
Subject: learning Morse code visually
To: ham-policy@ucsd.edu

Derek Wills Commented:
>rich@mulvey.com warns:
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>>>Sysop of WAENA (jw@waena.edu) wrote:
>>>: I am studying for my FCC license. I have learned morse code
>>>: from an old Navy manual....
>
> >Well, first off, you're learning the code in exactly the WRONG way.
>>Memorizing the code "visually" is guaranteed to cause havoc when you
>>try to increase your speed beyond a few words-per-minute.
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> I learned the code visually from the Big Boys' Diary or some such
>thing and can copy 35 wpm on a good day, so this may be an unnecessarily
>pessimistic thing to tell the poster.
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> OK, so perhaps if I had learned it the "right" way I could copy 55 wpm...>
>as it is, my manual sending, my decoding and my writing all fall apart a
>about 35 wpm. I'd like to do better, but this is good enough for 99% of
>what happens on the amateur bands.
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Is this visual copy useful for talking with the 'Little Green Men'
(LGM's) from the far reaches of the galaxy ;-).

John - k14ah

Date: Thu, 2 Dec 1993 00:01:52 GMT
From: well!moon!pixar!pixar.com!bruce@uunet.uu.net
Subject: new MODERATED discussion groups on Amateur Radio Policy
To: ham-policy@ucsd.edu

Two new _moderated_ internet discussion lists on ham radio policy have been created.

The lists are an attempt to hold a discussion on amateur radio policy with a higher signal/noise ratio than that in the rec.radio.amateur.policy newsgroup, or the packet ham-policy discussions. To prevent the the general policy discussion from being dominated by Morse-code-related topics, there are two lists: ham-radio-policy@pixar.com is for discussions of all policy topics _except_ for topics connected with the Morse code. morse-policy@pixar.com is for discussion of Morse-code-related policy topics _only_.

The intent of these lists is to air all viewpoints, but without the jammers and abuse that appear in rec.radio.amateur.misc .

To subscribe to either or both groups, send a message to LISTSERV@pixar.com . Include this text in the message:

SUBSCRIBE HAM-RADIO-POLICY YOUR-ENGLISH-NAME-HERE YOUR-CALLSIGN-HERE
SUBSCRIBE MORSE-POLICY YOUR-ENGLISH-NAME-HERE YOUR-CALLSIGN-HERE

You can leave out either group if you only want to subscribe to one. The server also responds to the commands "HELP" and "INDEX".

This doesn't change the rec.radio.amateur.policy newsgroup, and it isn't related to the on-air ham-policy discussion or the internet reflector of that discussion called ham-policy@ucsd.edu that is run by brian@ucsd.edu .

Discussion will start when/if 100 subscribers have joined the list.

Bruce Perens AB6YM

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Date: 3 Dec 93 22:16:58 GMT

From: ogicse!uwm.edu!rpi!newsserver.pixel.kodak.com!kodak!ornitz@network.ucsd.edu

Subject: Starting a Pirate Radio, But I'm a Novice

To: ham-policy@ucsd.edu

In article <PagyDc2w165w@cybernet.cse.fau.edu> pnolan@cybernet.cse.fau.edu (Patrick Nolan) writes about using a mobile pirate FM transmitter.

> We have come up with a silly idea to keep us from getting caught:

The technical naivete of posters such as these never ceases to amuse me. Let me assure Pat that to the Field Operations Bureau of the FCC, a moving fox is almost as easy to DF as a fixed one. Older readers of this group may remember

how a noted shortwave pirate who was operating mobile got caught a few years back...

73 Barry ornitz@kodak.com

[In radio direction finding (DF), sometimes called fox hunting, the target is called the fox. Radio fox hunting is becoming a popular pastime for amateur radio operators. Now if the FCC would just pay a 10% finder's fee for DF'ing pirates...(let's see, 10% of a typical \$7000 fine - that's a nice Christmas present indeed!).]

Date: Thu, 2 Dec 1993 13:20:37
From: munnari.oz.au!uniwa!harbinger.cc.monash.edu.au!msuinfo!agate!
howland.reston.ans.net!noc.near.net!lard.ftp.com!tiedye.wco.ftp.com!
andy@network.ucsd.edu
Subject: W5YI's coverage of "temporary callsigns"
To: ham-policy@ucsd.edu

In article <1993Dec2.195730.14673@cs.brown.edu> md@maxcy2.maxcy.brown.edu (Michael P. Deignan) writes:

>The FCC may have
>previously revoked your amateur/other license and as part of that
>revocation you are no longer entitled to an amateur license.

>But, with the Instant Callsign, it doesn't matter. I'll go to a test
>session, get my no-call, and then it'll be "catchup" for the FCC!

Doesn't the form have a checkbox for whether or not you have had a
license revoked? Would you not be committing perjury if you checked
"no" in that case?

Date: Thu, 2 Dec 1993 12:39:13 GMT
From: ucsnews!sol.ctr.columbia.edu!usc!cs.utexas.edu!swrinde!menudo.uh.edu!uuneo!
sugar!jreese@network.ucsd.edu
Subject: WHOA! Beavis, this SUCKS!
To: ham-policy@ucsd.edu

In article <CHD3ox.AoC@cbnewst.cb.att.com> waco@cbnewst.cb.att.com (WB9VGJ)
writes:

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> Not to belittle the problem of mental defects, low-lives and assorted
> criminals killing innocent people

You just did...

> Laurie Dann, I believe, used a sem-automatic weapon. A semi-automatic
> pistol operates like a revolver (as used by Roy Rogers and Gene Autry);
> you pull the trigger, the gun shoots. Pull again, the gun shoots again.

What's the difference? The kids are still DEAD!

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Jim Reese, WD5IYT | "I can do more in two minutes than Rush can in
jreese@sugar.neosoft.com | three hours" --Jim Hightower

Date: Wed, 1 Dec 1993 14:06:07 GMT
From: pipex!uknet!EU.net!sun4n1!hacktic!utopia.hacktic.n1!globv1.hacktic.n1!
peter@uunet.uu.net
Subject: Why isn't Amateur Radio like CB?
To: ham-policy@ucsd.edu

dan@mystis.wariat.org (Dan Pickersgill N8PKV) writes:

>I am convinced that the FCC should, in all urban areas, set up powerfull
>jammers on those frequencies for the next 10 years, making the use of
>those frequencies (other than the FCC) a "maximum fine" offense.
>Then, after about 5 or 10 years, give it back to us (Amateur Radio).

Sure, ordinary people shouldn't use radio right? Ordinary people shouldn't
drive cars. The government should block every road and shoot at every family
car on sight. The, after about 5 or 10 years, give it back to the truckers.

I am not against a licence, mind you. But, if we continue the parallel to the
driver's licence, why should drivers know about steam engines when all they
really have to know is how to drive the car and the traffic rules?

>(Yes, I am SEMI-serious about this. It will never happen, but one can
>dream...)

Just kidding, right?

Groetjes,
Peter Busser

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Linux, the choice of a GNU generation.

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